



MATTAPPOISETT YACHT CLUB 2026 Tuesday Night Series



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

January 22, 2026

1. RULES

The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 - 2028, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the prescriptions of your Class Association, and by these sailing instructions. Where conflicts occur among the rules, these sailing instructions shall take precedence.

2. Entries

See Notice of Race

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the MYC Clubhouse and on the event website.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Race Committee on the MYC clubhouse Flagpole.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- The Race Committee will notify all skippers with a group text of any cancellations or relevant changes to the evening's races by 1700hrs. Skippers need to include a cell phone number on their entry forms to receive notifications.

- The Race Committee will announce all 'on the water' announcements on VHF Channel 71.
- All vessels must have a VHF radio on board.
- Any and all Race Committee broadcasts will not be grounds for redress.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Refer to the calendar on the Mattapoisett Yacht Club website, NOR or Racing calendar posted at the clubhouse. Refer to the NOR for the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race.

8. EQUIPMENT

- Skippers will be responsible for their vessel's eligibility, with respect to conforming to their Class Rules and Specifications.
- All entries are required to carry a VHF radio.
- All Sails and electronics must conform to the Vessels Class Rules.

9. RACING AREA AND MARKS

The racing area will be in the outer Mattapoisett Harbor. Drop marks as well as government buoys and MYC buoys will be used as marks.

The Ensign courses are shown on 2026 Tuesday Night course Chart, available online through the Regatta Network site.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee Course Board before or with the warning signal for the first start

- The Race Committee will display "W", for windward/leeward course followed by a number which denotes the number of legs of the course to be sailed. These courses will be sailed around drop marks, MYC marks, or government buoys in the harbor. The Leeward mark will be the pin end of the starting line.
- The Race Committee will display "WX" for a windward/leeward course, in which the leeward mark is a drop buoy placed downwind of the start/finish line. This course will also be followed by a number which denotes the number of legs of the course to be sailed. This course may be used for an upwind finish option. (Example WX3).

The Race Committee shall also show the approximate compass bearing and the estimated distance to the windward mark, on the course board

- Example: "WX 4"
 - 1.5
 - 245 M
 - A windward / leeward course.
 - 4 legs long (windward / leeward / windward / finish downwind).

- The leeward mark is leeward of the starting line.
- The windward leg is an estimated 1.5 nm from the starting line, And the compass bearing to the windward mark is 245 degrees magnetic
- Diagrams attached

11. THE START – First Signal at approximately 1800hrs

11.1 Races shall be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals, the absence of a sound shall be disregarded.

5 Minute Starting Sequence

Warning - Class Flag(s); One Sound (5 min. to start)

Preparatory - “P” Flag; One Sound (4 min. to start)

One Minute - “P” Flag Lowered; One Sound (1 min. to start)

Start - Class Flag Lowered; One Sound (START)

11.1.1 The Race Committee shall attempt to make several sound signals approximately one minute before the warning of each race. Failure to do so does not give grounds to redress.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end of the line, and the port end starting mark.

11.3 A yacht shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

12. RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.1 as a courtesy. The Race Committee may attempt to call premature starters by broadcasting their sail numbers on CH 71. Failure of a yacht to see, hear or interpret a recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to properly start, nor shall it be grounds for redress under RSS 62.

12.2 When a general recall has been signaled, a new warning signal will be made one minute after the lowering of the code flag “First Substitute” with one sound signal.

13. CHANGING COURSE AFTER START

A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 32.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the designated mark.

14.2 A yacht that starts a race but fails to finish must report to the race committee as

soon as possible.

14.3 Yachts failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be considered “DNF” (Did Not Finish).

14.4 If no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 A yacht intending to protest shall notify the race committee upon finishing or retiring. For yachts sailing single-handed, racing rule 61.1 (a) is modified to delete the requirement to fly a protest flag.

15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at [US Sailing](#) and delivered to the Race Committee no later than 1630hrs on the day after the race.

15.3 Skippers will be notified of the time and place of hearing in accordance with Rule 63.2.

16. SCORING

16.1 The series score for each boat will be the sum of her scores. If a series consists of six or more races, one race will be discarded for scoring purposes. If a series consists of eight or more races, two races will be discarded for scoring purposes.

16.2 Low Point System to be used (RRS-A 4). A boat penalized under rule 30.2 or 44.3 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3.

16.3 Series ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

17. PENALTIES

A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. She may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31. This does not change any of Rule 44, 'Penalties at the time of an incident'.

18. AWARDS

Awards will be given to the top three finishers of that evening's racing results.